

**In the claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A system configured to facilitate authorizing billing transactions comprising:
  - a poller configured for substantially real-time queuing of a billing transaction file;
  - a splitter configured to split said billing transaction file into ~~at least one~~ a subset;
  - a Card Authorization System configured for authorizing said subset, said card authorization system configured with ~~at least one~~ a socket; and
  - a merger configured to reconstruct said subset into said billing transaction file.
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said splitter is configured to split said billing transaction file ~~is split~~ into at least one of one, five, and eight subsets.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said system is configured to operate in substantially real time.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said system is configured to operate on a first come, first served basis.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a logger configured to store factual reference information associated with a plurality of billing transaction file sizes.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a logger configured to store factual reference information associated with a plurality of billing transaction file sizes, wherein said logger is configured to recognize at least one of small, medium and large billing transaction file sizes.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said system further comprises a formatter, wherein said formatter is configured to facilitate readability by said Card Authorization System of said billing transaction files.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said billing transaction file includes a billing transaction.
9. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating authorization of billing transactions, said method comprising the steps of:
  - queuing a billing transaction file to facilitate authorization of said billing transaction file;
  - splitting said billing transaction file into ~~at least one~~ a subset;
  - transferring ~~at least one of said subsets~~ subset through ~~at least one~~ a socket;

authorizing ~~at least one of~~ said subsets subset; and

reconstructing ~~at least one of~~ said subsets subset into said billing transaction file.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said billing transaction file includes a an automatic billing transaction.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said step of transferring ~~at least one of~~ said subsets subset through ~~at least one a~~ socket further comprises transferring ~~at least one of~~ said subsets subset through at least one of one socket, five sockets, and eight sockets.
12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said step of splitting said billing transaction file comprises splitting said billing transaction file into at least one of one, five, and eight subsets.
13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one of said steps of queuing, splitting, transferring, authorizing and reconstructing occur in substantially real-time.
14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one of said steps of queuing, splitting, transferring, authorizing and reconstructing occur on a first come, first served basis.
15. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising logging a plurality of billing transaction file sizes.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising logging a plurality of billing transaction file sizes to facilitate recognizing at least one of small, medium and large billing transaction file sizes.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising formatting said billing transaction file to facilitate authorization of said billing transaction files.